

TO : Director of Training
THRU : Chief, PPS/TR
FROM : Chief, LETS/TR

DATE: 8 June 1955

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Beginning on 22 June, and running for ten weeks, LETS will have the following three courses to be provided by Professor [redacted] Director, Institute of Asian Affairs, [redacted]:

Basic Country Survey - Japan
Basic Country Survey - China
U. S. Foreign Policy in the Far East

The Japan and China courses will meet for three two-hour sessions a week. The Foreign Policy course will meet for one two-hour session a week. The Japan and China courses are the first two offerings in the new Basic Area Training Program.

Objectives of the course are to provide a broad general introduction to assist the intelligence officer develop an ability to appreciate, understand and interpret facts, events, attitudes and trends in terms of the cultural totality that provides their environment, and to anticipate and interpret responses from within the area to external political, economic, psychological and other stimuli.

The course will provide an introduction to the culture, to the political, economic and social institutions, to the geography, climate and resources, to the origins and nature of the people, to the art, religion, philosophy and religion, and to other aspects of the civilization that need to be considered by any persons concerned with the production, evaluation and use of intelligence. Course will also include a review of the significant U. S. policies and objectives in the area, and of the policies of the area toward the U. S.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. At the invitation of the Chief, Language School, National Security Agency, [] participated in NSA programming its language training schedule for summer and fall. Courses scheduled and the number of Agency employees (in parentheses) for whom we have requirements for this type of training are Burmese (2), Greek (0), Amharic (2), Chinese (9), Vietnamese (2), Hungarian (5), Swedish (1), Serbo-Croatian (6), Czech (9), Polish (7), Korean (2), Thai (2), Cambodian (0), Persian (4), Albanian (2), German (47), Indonesian (2), and Bulgarian (0).

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25X1 2. [] has conducted regular interim bi-monthly interviews with the following persons in full-time training in the Washington area:

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Japanese, FSI

25X1 3. Arrangements have been made with the FSI so that the four persons in the intensive Chinese class may also take Professor [] course on China to be given at LETS.

25X1 4. Terminal interviews following one year of Indonesian language and Southeast Asian study at Yale and Cornell were held with [] and [] of FE. 25X1

25X1 5. [] interviewed [] of OCI as a possible lecturer for the area program. [] is well-recommended by [] 25X1

25X1 6. [] have produced some splendid sketches for a projected reading and exhibit room for LETS.

25X1 7. A variety of details regarding the summer program on Southeast Asia have been discussed with [] 25X1

25X1 8. [] requested and received information and opinions relative to his current research project for the Air Force.

25X1 9. [] has proposed a PF project to counteract Soviet propaganda by an activity designed to debunk dialectical materialism. It involves use of two texts prepared by [] entitled Technique of Analysis and General Semantics of Dialectical Materialism. Proposal has been discussed with [] 25X1 25X1

10. A selection panel disapproved on 1 June all three candidates who submitted applications for the August class of the Armed Forces Staff College, because the training offered did not meet the needs of the candidates. Alternate training was recommended and discussed with each of them. Another candidate, who had originally applied for the January 1956 class, was encouraged to be considered, found qualified by the panel, and recommended to the Career Council on 8 June. He is from the FE Division and has been awarded the DSC and other combat decorations.

11. There are no recent developments on the Agency request for a quota at the NATO Defense College. Capt. Armstrong, USN, is still working on allocation of quotas.

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12. [] contacted personnel from ONI (Capt. [] and Lt. Cmdr. [] and from AFOIN (Maj. [] - to whom C/PPS is detailed for an active duty tour) regarding determination of a focal point within the Departments of Navy and Air Force for monitoring applications for use of CIA language training facilities. The idea of a central point seems much less of a problem within these two departments than that anticipated in dealing with the Army. During these conversations, it was ascertained that the Navy Language School at Anacostia is seriously considering the elimination of Swedish, Turkish and Persian instruction for lack of students.

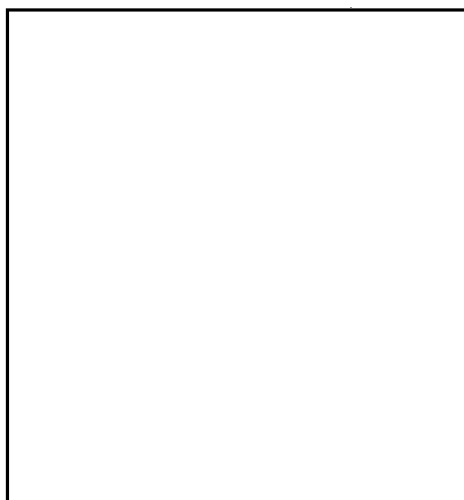
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13. We have been notified by the Director of the Harvard Advanced Management Program that the Admissions Committee has selected Mr. [] Chief, Finance Division, to be the Agency representative at the next session beginning 14 September 1955.

14. We have been awaiting release of scheduled dates for the FY 1956 classes of the Command Management Course at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, since it had been determined that there were no available slots for Agency personnel in the first few pilot classes, the last of which ended in March. The next class will begin after Labor Day and others are to be offered at four-week intervals. An announcement for TLO's is in process.

15. The following requests for external training were approved by C/LETS:

(a) SAIS Conference on Southeast Asia:-



(b) SAIS Courses on Southeast Asia:-



2 courses (credit)
OCI, 3 courses (2 credit, 1 audit)
OTR, 3 courses (audit)
F/OTR, 3 courses (2 credit, 1 audit)
CD, 3 courses (2 credit, 1 audit)

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- (c) [REDACTED], OC, Introduction to Practical Radio Engineering and Advanced Radio Engineering (correspondence), CREI

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- (d) [REDACTED] OCD, Basic Hindi, FSI

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- (e) Customer Administrative Class, IBM Corporation, Endicott, New York:-

[REDACTED] RI/FI
[REDACTED], OPS/FI

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- (f) Elementary Urdu, FSI:-

[REDACTED] A/PP
[REDACTED] NEA/PP

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16. Mr. [REDACTED] Management Staff, and [REDACTED] have begun a survey of LETS records.

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17. Current enrollment in internal language training programs is 151, 67 in classes and 84 in self-study. During the past week, the language laboratory was used for a total of 337 hours.

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